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Mr. Joseph A. Colla  
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Dear Mr. Colla:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated August 22, 1998, requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 180.403 to replace the term "modification" with "repair and alteration" as defined in the National Board Inspection Code.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned petition number P-1379. If you should write or call us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Karim  
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